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1. IN DISCUSSING PROBABLE FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF TNC, LUCQ (DIRECTOR GATT AGRIC.DIV.) TOLD AGATT HE UNDERSTANDS EC WANTS TO MAINTAIN GATT AGCOM FOR ANALYTICAL WORK AND ULTIMATELY AS FORUM FOR AGRICULTURAL NEGOTIATIONS. EC MAY PROPOSE THIS DURING NEXT TNC MEETING UNLESS OTHER SOLUTION WORKED OUT BEFORE OCT. 24 BETWEEN US AND EC.

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2. ACCORDING TO LUCQ TOKYO DECLARATION RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL

CHARACTERISTICS AND PROBLEMS THIS SECTOR MAKES EC POSITION LOGICAL. HE ENVISAGES AC.COM. MAY BE ASKED CARRY OUT SOME ANALYTICAL WORK UNTIL US TRADE LEGISLATION PASSED. AG.COM COULD THEN IN NEGOTIATING FRAMEWORK CONSIDER ONE BY ONE THOSE BASIC COMMODITIES TN CHAPERS 1-24 FOR SHICH EC MANDATE CALLS FOR COMMODITY AGREEMENT (GRAIN, SUGAR, RICE, DAIRY, ETC.) LEAVING OTHER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS FOR "COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS" OR FOR MINOR CONCESSIONS IN TARIFFS.

3. COMMENTS. WHILE WE REALIZE MAIN JOB NOW IS TO GET DOWN TO SERIOUS WORK RATHER THAN HAGGLING OVER STRUCTURAL PROBLEMS OF TNC, WE NEVERTHELESS CONCERNED THAT IF LUCQ'S FORECAST OF EC POSITION IS CORRECT AND IF THIS ACCEPTED IN TNC, IT MAY CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN TRYING TO REESTABLISH LINKAGE BETWEEN AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY IN VARIOUS NTB FIELDS AS WELL AS IN FINAL PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS.BASSING

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